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THE LABOUR FORCE - VICTORIA OCTOBER 1984

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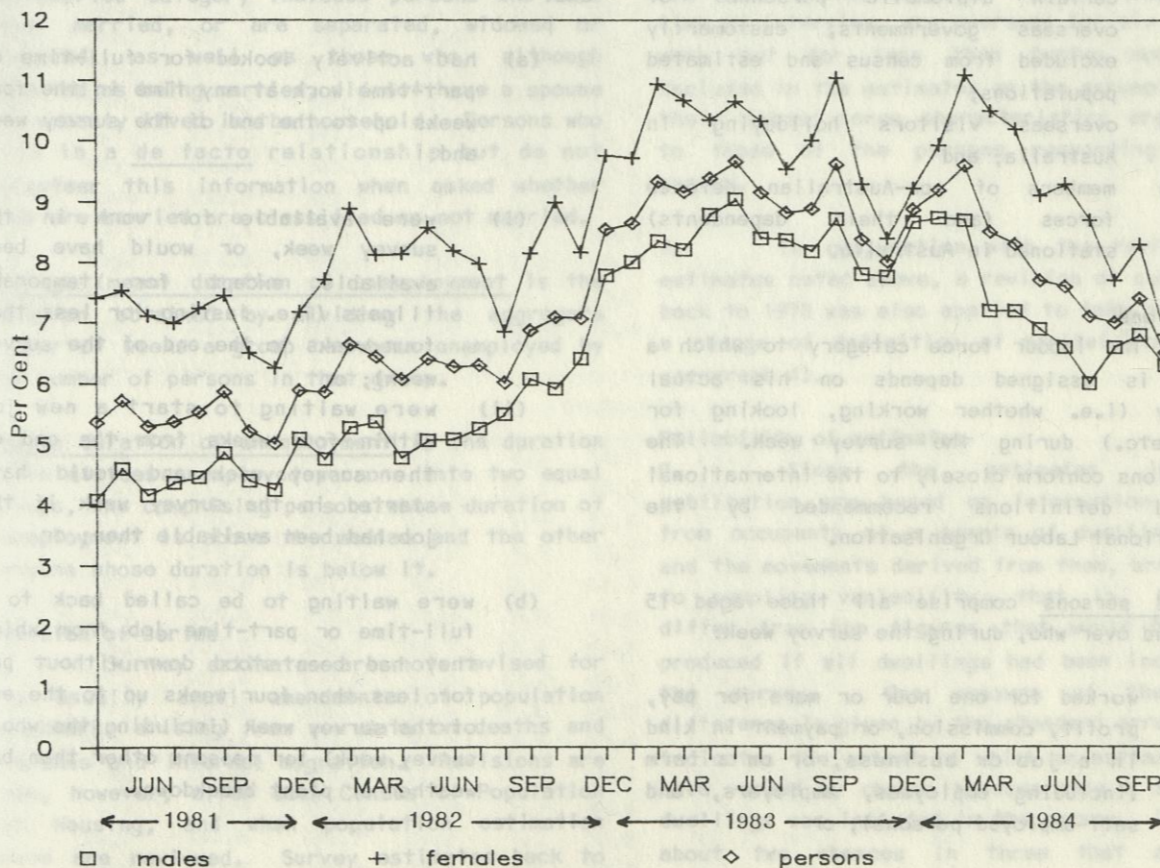
MAIN FEATURES

In October 1984 there were an estimated 1,875,800 persons in the labour force in Victoria of whom 1,754,400 were employed and 121,500 unemployed. There were an estimated 1,243,000 persons aged 15 and over who were not in the labour force. The unemployment rate was 6.5 per cent and the labour force participation rate was 60.1 per cent.

Between September and October 1984 the unemployment rate decreased from 7.4 per cent to 6.5 per cent for persons; 6.8 per cent to 6.3 per cent for males and from 8.3 per cent to 6.7 per cent for females.

In the Melbourne Statistical Division the unemployment rates were 5.9 per cent for males and 5.7 per cent for females.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - VICTORIA



EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This monthly publication, published since August 1978, contains Victorian labour force estimates derived from the population survey conducted throughout Australia each month by the ABS.

Conduct of ABS population survey

2. The survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings in Victoria (about 7,500 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.) and covers about one-half of one per cent of the Victorian population. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and the 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week prior to the interview (i.e. the survey week).

Scope of survey

3. All persons aged 15 years and over are included in the survey except:

- (a) members of the permanent defence forces;
- (b) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
- (c) overseas visitors holidaying in Australia; and
- (d) members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

Definitions

4. The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on his actual activity (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during the survey week. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions recommended by the International Labour Organisation.

Employed persons comprise all those aged 15 years and over who, during the survey week:

- (a) worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission, or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers, and self-employed persons); or

(b) worked for 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helper); or

(c) were employees who had a job but were not at work and were:

- (i) on paid leave;
- (ii) on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week;
- (iii) stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks, up to the end of the survey week;
- (iv) on strike or locked out;
- (v) on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or
- (vi) receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or

(d) were employers or self-employed persons who had a job, business, or farm, but were not at work.

Unemployed persons are those 15 years and over who were not employed during the survey week, and:

(a) had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week and:

- (i) were available for work in the survey week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the survey week); or
- (ii) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the survey week and would have started in the survey week if the job had been available then; or

(b) were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

The labour force comprises all persons who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed, as defined above.

Full-time workers are those who usually work 35 hours a week or more and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week.

Part-time workers are those who usually work less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey week. When recording hours of work, fractions of an hour are disregarded.

Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories 'employed' or 'unemployed'.

Marital status in the labour force survey, persons are classified as married or not married. Marital status is determined from information supplied by the respondent about the individual himself or herself and, where the person was reported as being married, about the living arrangements of persons usually resident in the household. Marital status does not therefore necessarily reflect legal status. Persons are classified as married if they are reported as being married (including de facto) and their spouse was a usual resident of the household at the time of the survey. The not-married category includes persons who have never married, or are separated, widowed or divorced, as well as those who, although reported as being married, did not have a spouse who usually lived in the household. Persons who live in a de facto relationship but do not volunteer this information when asked whether they are married are classified as not married.

Average (mean) duration of unemployment is the duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group.

Median duration of unemployment is the duration which divides unemployed persons into two equal groups, one comprising persons whose duration of unemployment is above the median and the other persons whose duration is below it.

Revision of series

5. Survey estimates are not revised for the usually small amendments of population benchmarks arising from new data on deaths and overseas and internal migration. Revisions are made, however, after each Census of Population and Housing, and when population estimation bases are reviewed. Survey estimates back to

February 1978 have been recalculated to conform to revised population estimates which take account of results of the 1981 census. Estimates on this revised basis for October 1984 and the previous fourteen months may be found in the main body of this publication.

6. Following the change in official population estimates to a place of usual residence basis after the 1981 census, the population benchmarks used in this revision of labour force survey estimates are compiled according to place of usual residence. For an explanation of the new conceptual basis of population estimates see Population Estimates: An Outline of the New Conceptual Basis of ABS Population Estimates (3216.0). To co-ordinate with the new benchmarks, the labour force survey questionnaire was changed in October 1982 to enable identification of each respondent's place of usual residence. The revised estimates shown in this publication from October 1982 onwards are thus wholly according to place of usual residence. Prior to October 1982, the estimates were based on a combination of place of enumeration and place of usual residence. Persons who are away overseas from their usual residence for less than six weeks at the time of interview are generally enumerated at their usual residence when relevant information can be obtained from other usual residents present at the time of the survey. Persons who, at the time of interview, are overseas for six weeks or more but for less than twelve months are included in the estimates on the assumption that their labour force characteristics are similar to those of the persons responding in the survey.

7. In conjunction with the revisions of estimates noted above, a revision of survey data back to 1978 was also applied to take account of a change of definition of marital status (see paragraph 4).

Reliability of estimates

8. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they, and the movements derived from them, are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included in the survey. There are about two chances in three that a sample

estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in 4 the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Standard errors of survey estimates and month-to-month movements are shown at the foot of page 17.

Related publications

9. Users may also wish to refer to the following ABS publications, available on request:

The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)
(6202.0) (monthly)

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0) (monthly)

The Labour Force, Australia (6204.0)

Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0) (quarterly)

Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the
Labour Force Survey, December 1981

(6232.0) (irregular)

Unemployment, Underemployment, and Related
Statistics, Australia, February 1978 to
February 1980 (6236.0) (irregular)

Information Paper: Review of ABS Employment
Statistics, July 1981 (6239.0)

Overtime, Australia (6330.0) (quarterly)

10. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications, Australia (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS Office.

11. Other unpublished data from labour force surveys on aspects of the Victorian labour force is held by the Victorian Office of the ABS, and may be available on request.

Symbols and other usages

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* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY LABOUR FORCE STATUS - VICTORIA

Month	Employed		Unemployed looking for work			Labour force
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TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER, BY LABOUR FORCE STATUS - VICTORIA - continued

Month	Employed		Unemployed looking for work			Not in labour force		Civilian population 15 years and over	Unemploy- ment rate (a)	Partici- pation rate (b)
	Full- time	Total	Full- time	Part- time	Total	force	force			
	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	(per cent)	(per cent)
ALL FEMALES										
1983 - Aug.	411.3	636.0	52.9	17.8	70.7	706.7	856.6	1,563.2	10.0	45.2
Sept.	422.9	644.6	55.6	24.4	80.1	724.6	841.0	1,565.6	11.1	46.3
Oct.	422.6	645.0	45.6	20.5	66.0	711.0	856.5	1,567.4	9.3	45.4
Nov.	425.8	647.6	44.1	15.2	59.3	706.9	862.4	1,569.3	8.4	45.0
Dec.	432.7	656.2	49.2	17.5	66.7	722.8	848.4	1,571.2	9.2	46.0
1984 - Jan.	415.1	609.2	52.1	15.1	67.2	676.4	896.7	1,573.1	9.9	43.0
Feb.	412.0	634.2	58.1	21.3	79.4	713.6	861.5	1,575.1	11.1	45.3
Mar.	415.7	655.9	51.7	25.1	76.7	732.6	844.5	1,577.1	10.5	46.5
Apr.	416.6	650.5	50.3	23.3	73.5	724.0	855.3	1,579.2	10.2	45.8
May	417.5	650.4	46.8	17.9	64.8	715.2	866.1	1,581.3	9.1	45.2
June	421.1	656.0	47.4	19.7	67.1	723.1	860.2	1,583.4	9.3	45.7
July	419.8	663.0	43.8	19.7	63.5	726.5	858.9	1,585.4	8.7	45.8
Aug.	416.5	653.1	39.5	15.2	54.8	707.9	879.5	1,587.4	7.7	44.6
Sept.	426.1	676.4	40.5	20.9	61.4	737.8	851.7	1,589.5	8.3	46.4
Oct.	430.8	677.3	33.4	15.6	49.0	726.3	865.5	1,591.7	6.7	45.6
PERSONS										
1983 - Aug.	1,385.1	1,675.1	139.4	23.8	163.3	1,838.4	1,223.7	3,062.1	8.9	60.0
Sept.	1,418.5	1,700.4	148.2	32.8	181.0	1,881.4	1,185.2	3,066.6	9.6	61.4
Oct.	1,409.4	1,698.1	130.6	24.5	155.1	1,853.2	1,217.2	3,070.3	8.4	60.4
Nov.	1,411.1	1,702.4	126.9	21.2	148.1	1,850.5	1,223.5	3,074.0	8.0	60.2
Dec.	1,432.1	1,726.2	141.0	27.1	168.1	1,894.3	1,183.4	3,077.6	8.9	61.6
1984 - Jan.	1,390.3	1,649.5	143.8	23.1	167.0	1,816.4	1,265.5	3,081.9	9.2	58.9
Feb.	1,410.5	1,695.0	152.2	28.5	180.8	1,875.8	1,209.9	3,085.7	9.6	60.8
Mar.	1,428.9	1,736.1	128.7	32.1	160.8	1,896.9	1,192.7	3,089.6	8.5	61.4
Apr.	1,413.3	1,721.8	126.8	29.5	156.3	1,878.1	1,215.4	3,093.5	8.3	60.7
May	1,426.6	1,728.6	119.7	25.3	145.0	1,873.6	1,223.8	3,097.4	7.7	60.5
June	1,426.3	1,730.4	116.0	26.9	142.9	1,873.2	1,228.3	3,101.5	7.6	60.4
July	1,428.3	1,744.9	107.8	25.1	132.9	1,877.7	1,227.9	3,105.6	7.1	60.5
Aug.	1,420.5	1,723.0	108.4	21.6	129.9	1,852.9	1,256.9	3,109.8	7.0	59.6
Sept.	1,433.3	1,757.2	112.2	27.9	140.1	1,897.3	1,216.6	3,113.8	7.4	60.9
Oct.	1,441.3	1,754.4	98.0	23.5	121.5	1,875.8	1,243.0	3,118.9	6.5	60.1

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.
 (b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY LABOUR FORCE STATUS AND MARITAL STATUS, OCTOBER 1984

Marital status	Employed		Unemployed looking for work		Labour force (^{'000})	Not in labour force (^{'000})	Civilian population aged 15 years and over (^{'000})	Unemploy- ment rate (a) (per cent)	Particip- ation rate (b) (per cent)
	Full- time (^{'000})	Total (^{'000})	Full- time (^{'000})	Total (^{'000})					
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION									
Males -									
Married	491.4	512.4	19.2	19.4	531.8	141.5	673.3	3.7	79.0
Other	231.6	260.8	24.7	29.2	290.0	127.2	417.3	10.1	69.5
Total	723.0	773.2	43.9	48.7	821.8	268.7	1,090.6	5.9	75.4
Females -									
Married	171.9	300.1	8.3	13.3	313.4	360.5	673.9	4.2	46.5
Other	165.5	211.1	11.9	17.8	228.9	244.8	473.7	7.8	48.3
Total	337.3	511.2	20.2	31.1	542.3	605.3	1,147.6	5.7	47.3
Persons -									
Married	663.2	812.5	27.5	32.8	845.2	502.0	1,347.2	3.9	62.7
Other	397.1	471.9	36.6	47.0	518.9	372.0	890.9	9.1	58.2
Total	1,060.3	1,284.3	64.2	79.8	1,364.1	874.0	2,238.1	5.9	61.0
REST OF VICTORIA									
Males -									
Married	205.8	210.6	8.6	9.2	219.9	63.0	282.9	4.2	77.7
Other	81.7	93.3	12.0	14.5	107.9	45.8	153.7	13.5	70.2
Total	287.4	303.9	20.6	23.8	327.7	108.8	436.6	7.3	75.1
Females -									
Married	52.1	108.5	3.3	6.3	114.8	166.5	281.3	5.5	40.8
Other	41.5	57.6	9.9	11.6	69.2	93.7	162.9	16.8	42.5
Total	93.5	166.1	13.2	17.9	184.0	260.2	444.2	9.7	41.4
Persons -									
Married	257.8	319.1	11.9	15.5	334.6	229.5	564.1	4.6	59.3
Other	123.1	150.9	21.9	26.2	177.1	139.5	316.6	14.8	55.9
Total	381.0	470.0	33.8	41.7	511.7	369.0	880.7	8.1	58.1
TOTAL VICTORIA									
Males -									
Married	697.1	723.0	27.8	28.7	751.7	204.5	956.2	3.8	78.6
Other	313.3	354.1	36.7	43.8	397.9	173.1	571.0	11.0	69.7
Total	1,010.5	1,077.1	64.5	72.5	1,149.6	377.6	1,527.1	6.3	75.3
Females -									
Married	223.9	408.6	11.6	19.6	428.2	527.0	955.2	4.6	44.8
Other	206.9	268.6	21.8	29.4	298.1	338.5	636.5	9.9	46.8
Total	430.8	677.3	33.4	49.0	726.3	865.5	1,591.7	6.7	45.6
Persons -									
Married	921.1	1,131.6	39.4	48.3	1,179.8	731.5	1,911.4	4.1	61.7
Other	520.2	622.8	58.5	73.2	696.0	511.5	1,207.5	10.5	57.6
Total	1,441.3	1,754.4	98.0	121.5	1,875.8	1,243.0	3,118.9	6.5	60.1

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

TABLE 3. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE BY AGE, OCTOBER 1984

Age group (years)	Number ('000)					Participation rate (a) (per cent)				
	Males	Married	Other	All	Persons	Males	Married	Other	All	Persons
		females	females	females			females	females	females	
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION										
15 - 64 -	811.2	311.8	226.6	538.5	1,349.7	83.2	51.6	61.4	55.3	69.3
15 - 19	65.6	*	58.1	60.1	125.7	52.6	*	49.7	49.6	51.1
20 - 24	113.2	32.6	65.4	98.0	211.2	87.5	70.7	78.4	75.7	81.6
25 - 34	225.1	90.6	53.0	143.6	368.7	95.5	52.2	77.6	59.4	77.2
35 - 44	192.4	107.1	22.3	129.4	321.8	95.2	64.0	68.6	64.8	80.1
45 - 54	131.7	60.5	16.7	77.2	208.9	88.5	51.0	64.8	53.5	71.3
55 - 59	55.5	13.2	8.6	21.9	77.3	76.5	26.2	41.4	30.7	53.8
60 - 64	27.7	6.0	*	8.4	36.1	45.4	13.2	*	12.7	28.4
65 and over	10.6	*	*	*	14.4	9.2	*	*	*	5.0
Total	821.8	313.4	228.9	542.3	1364.1	75.4	46.5	48.3	47.3	61.0
REST OF VICTORIA										
15 - 64 -	318.8	113.6	68.9	182.6	501.3	84.2	45.4	57.4	49.3	67.0
15 - 19	32.3	*	26.5	26.6	58.9	62.0	*	54.7	53.6	57.9
20 - 24	43.6	11.5	20.5	32.0	75.6	93.0	55.7	83.9	71.0	82.2
25 - 34	86.7	35.2	10.5	45.8	132.5	95.6	48.0	71.9	52.0	74.1
35 - 44	71.6	34.4	4.7	39.0	110.6	95.1	53.9	48.2	53.1	74.4
45 - 54	50.9	23.8	*	27.4	78.3	88.7	48.7	53.0	49.2	69.3
55 - 59	21.9	7.4	*	9.4	31.3	75.1	*	*	32.3	53.7
60 - 64	11.8	*	*	*	14.2	43.7	*	*	*	25.3
65 and over	9.0	*	*	*	10.4	15.4	*	*	*	7.8
Total	327.7	114.8	69.2	184.0	511.7	75.1	40.8	42.5	41.4	58.1
TOTAL VICTORIA										
15 - 64 -	1,130.0	425.5	295.6	721.1	1,851.0	83.5	49.7	60.4	53.7	68.6
15 - 19	97.9	*	84.6	86.7	184.6	55.3	*	51.1	50.8	53.1
20 - 24	156.8	44.1	85.9	130.0	286.8	88.9	66.1	79.7	74.5	81.7
25 - 34	311.8	125.8	63.5	189.3	501.1	95.5	51.0	76.6	57.4	76.4
35 - 44	264.0	141.5	27.0	168.5	432.4	95.1	61.2	63.9	61.6	78.5
45 - 54	182.6	84.2	20.3	104.6	287.2	88.5	50.4	62.3	52.3	70.7
55 - 59	77.4	20.6	10.7	31.3	108.6	76.1	27.8	40.5	31.1	53.7
60 - 64	39.5	7.2	*	10.7	50.3	44.9	11.3	*	11.3	27.4
65 and over	19.6	*	*	5.2	24.8	11.3	*	*	2.1	5.9
Total	1,149.6	428.2	298.1	726.3	1,875.8	75.3	44.8	46.8	45.6	60.1

(a) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

TABLE 4. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS, BIRTHPLACE,
AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA - VICTORIA, OCTOBER 1984

Birthplace particulars	Employed ('000)			Unemp- loyed (('000)	Labour force (('000)	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)	Participation rate (b) (per cent)
	Full-time	Part-time	Total				
MALES							
Born in Australia	710.7	52.1	762.8	48.9	811.7	6.0	76.4
Born outside Australia -	299.8	14.6	314.3	23.6	337.9	7.0	75.6
Place of birth -							
Greece	22.4	*	22.8	*	25.3	*	76.2
Italy	44.8	*	46.2	*	48.5	*	74.2
New Zealand	9.0	*	9.5	*	10.7	*	86.3
U.K. and Ireland	92.0	*	95.7	4.9	100.6	4.9	76.5
Yugoslavia	20.0	*	20.9	*	23.1	*	79.2
Other countries	111.4	7.7	119.1	10.6	129.7	8.2	73.9
Main English-speaking countries (c)	107.1	5.4	112.5	6.5	119.0	5.5	77.8
Other than main English- speaking countries	192.7	9.2	201.8	17.0	218.9	7.8	74.4
Period of arrival in Australia -							
before 1961	11.7	5.1	116.8	4.7	121.5	3.9	66.1
1961 to 1965	52.1	*	53.0	*	56.8	*	83.4
1966 to 1970	55.9	*	59.1	*	63.1	*	84.8
1971 to 1975	35.8	*	37.0	*	40.3	*	82.7
1976 to 1980	27.8	*	30.6	*	33.7	*	78.9
1981 to survey date	16.5	*	17.9	4.6	22.5	20.3	76.4
FEMALES							
Born in Australia	301.7	193.3	494.9	34.8	529.8	6.6	46.5
Born outside Australia -	129.2	53.2	182.3	14.2	196.5	7.2	46.0
Place of birth -							
Greece	13.8	*	16.6	*	17.6	*	56.0
Italy	14.4	5.6	19.9	*	21.2	*	38.2
New Zealand	5.3	*	6.0	*	6.4	*	56.1
U.K. and Ireland	34.6	21.7	56.3	*	60.3	*	45.5
Yugoslavia	10.6	*	13.4	*	15.3	*	61.7
Other countries	50.5	19.6	70.1	5.5	75.6	7.3	44.3
Main English-speaking countries (c)	43.6	23.7	67.3	4.5	71.8	6.2	47.2
Other than main English- speaking countries	85.5	29.5	115.0	9.7	124.7	7.8	45.4
Period of arrival in Australia -							
before 1961	37.3	20.6	57.9	*	60.7	*	34.4
1961 to 1965	21.8	7.7	29.4	*	31.2	*	51.5
1966 to 1970	26.3	10.1	36.4	*	39.5	*	56.8
1971 to 1975	20.2	6.8	27.0	*	30.0	*	60.9
1976 to 1980	14.5	4.5	19.0	*	21.2	*	52.1
1981 to survey date	9.1	*	12.6	*	14.0	*	45.8

TABLE 4. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS, BIRTHPLACE, AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA - VICTORIA, OCTOBER 1984 - continued

Birthplace particulars	Employed ('000)			Unemp- loyed ('000)	Labour force ('000)	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)	Participation rate (b) (per cent)
	Full-time	Part-time	Total				
PERSONS							
Born in Australia	1,012.4	245.4	1,257.8	83.7	1,341.5	6.2	60.9
Born outside Australia -	428.9	67.7	496.6	37.7	534.4	7.1	61.1
Place of birth -							
Greece	36.2	*	39.4	*	42.9	*	66.3
Italy	59.2	6.9	66.1	*	69.7	*	57.6
New Zealand	14.4	*	15.5	*	17.1	*	71.8
U.K. and Ireland	126.6	25.5	152.1	8.9	161.0	5.5	60.9
Yugoslavia	30.6	*	34.3	*	38.3	*	71.2
Other countries -							
German Federal Republic	16.1	*	19.7	*	20.6	*	56.3
Malta	19.0	*	21.4	*	22.0	*	66.6
Netherlands	15.8	*	19.2	*	20.3	*	60.0
Poland	7.6	*	8.2	*	8.4	*	38.2
Main English-speaking countries (c)	150.7	29.1	179.8	11.0	190.8	5.8	62.6
Other than main English- speaking countries	278.2	38.6	316.8	26.8	343.6	7.8	60.4
Africa	14.4	*	15.5	*	16.3	*	66.3
America	11.0	*	14.2	*	14.4	*	71.6
Asia	54.4	9.0	63.4	10.1	73.5	13.8	60.8
Europe	332.7	53.1	385.8	24.9	410.7	6.1	60.3
Oceania	16.4	*	17.7	*	19.4	*	70.4
Period of arrival in Australia -							
before 1961	149.0	25.7	174.6	7.5	182.2	4.1	50.6
1961 to 1965	73.8	8.6	82.4	5.5	87.9	6.3	68.4
1966 to 1970	82.2	13.2	95.4	7.1	102.6	7.0	71.3
1971 to 1975	56.0	8.0	64.0	6.3	70.3	9.0	71.7
1976 to 1980	42.3	7.3	49.6	5.3	54.9	9.6	65.8
1981 to survey date	25.6	4.9	30.5	5.9	36.5	16.2	60.8

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group. Because it is not practicable to ascertain the birthplace of persons in institutions (who are classified as not in the labour force), labour force participation rates for persons classified by birthplace are calculated by using population estimates which exclude those in institutions. (c) Comprises United Kingdom and Ireland, Canada, United States of America, South Africa, and New Zealand.

TABLE 5. EMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE AND MARITAL STATUS, OCTOBER 1984
('000)

Marital status	Age group (years)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION									
Males -									
Married	*	17.9	145.7	159.0	113.2	46.2	21.3	8.3	512.4
Other	54.4	84.4	66.7	28.7	14.0	6.4	*	*	260.8
Total	55.2	102.3	212.4	187.7	127.2	52.6	25.6	10.2	773.2
Females -									
Married	*	30.9	86.6	102.5	57.8	13.2	6.0	*	300.1
Other	49.0	60.1	52.4	21.3	15.2	8.4	*	*	211.1
Total	50.8	91.1	139.0	123.8	73.0	21.6	8.4	3.5	511.2
Persons -									
Married	*	48.8	232.2	261.5	171.0	59.4	27.3	9.6	812.5
Other	103.4	144.5	119.1	50.0	29.2	14.8	6.6	*	471.9
Total	105.9	193.3	351.4	311.5	200.2	74.2	34.0	13.8	1,284.3
REST OF VICTORIA									
Males -									
Married	*	10.4	63.7	59.6	42.9	18.8	9.5	5.5	210.6
Other	25.3	28.2	18.2	8.9	6.1	*	*	*	93.3
Total	25.5	38.6	82.0	68.5	48.9	20.6	10.8	9.0	303.9
Females -									
Married	*	10.9	32.6	32.9	22.5	7.2	*	*	108.5
Other	20.8	17.0	9.4	*	*	*	*	*	57.6
Total	21.0	27.9	42.1	36.7	25.5	9.2	*	*	166.1
Persons -									
Married	*	21.3	96.4	92.4	65.3	25.9	10.7	6.7	319.1
Other	46.2	45.3	27.6	12.8	9.0	*	*	*	150.9
Total	46.5	66.5	124.0	105.2	74.4	29.8	13.2	10.4	470.0
TOTAL VICTORIA									
Males -									
Married	*	28.3	209.4	218.6	156.0	65.0	30.9	13.8	723.0
Other	79.7	112.6	85.0	37.6	20.1	8.3	5.5	5.3	354.1
Total	80.7	140.9	294.3	256.2	176.1	73.3	36.4	19.2	1,077.1
Females -									
Married	*	41.8	119.2	135.4	80.3	20.4	7.2	*	408.6
Other	69.9	77.2	61.8	25.1	18.2	10.4	*	*	268.6
Total	71.8	119.0	181.0	160.5	98.5	30.8	10.7	4.9	677.3
Persons -									
Married	*	70.1	328.6	354.0	236.3	85.3	38.0	16.3	1,131.6
Other	149.67	189.8	146.8	62.8	38.2	18.7	9.1	7.8	622.8
Total	152.5	259.9	475.4	416.8	274.6	104.1	47.1	24.1	1,754.4

TABLE 6. EMPLOYED PERSONS, FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STATUS BY AGE - VICTORIA, OCTOBER 1984
('000)

Status	Age group (years)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MARRIED MALES									
Full-time workers	*	27.3	206.8	213.8	151.5	61.3	25.8	9.6	697.1
Part-time workers	*	*	*	4.8	4.5	*	5.0	*	25.8
Total	*	28.3	209.4	218.6	156.0	65.0	30.9	13.8	723.0
OTHER MALES									
Full-time workers	56.9	104.7	81.8	35.6	19.6	7.4	4.6	*	313.3
Part-time workers	22.9	7.9	— 5.2 —	—	*	*	*	*	40.8
Total	79.7	112.6	85.0	37.6	20.1	8.3	5.5	5.3	354.1
ALL MALES									
Full-time workers	57.9	131.9	288.6	249.3	171.2	68.7	30.4	12.4	1,010.5
Part-time workers	22.9	8.9	5.7	6.9	4.9	4.6	6.0	6.8	66.7
Total	80.7	140.9	294.3	256.2	176.1	73.3	36.4	19.2	1,077.1
MARRIED FEMALES									
Full-time workers	*	32.0	67.3	65.3	43.9	10.2	*	*	223.9
Part-time workers	*	9.8	51.9	70.1	36.4	10.2	— 5.9 —	—	184.7
Total	*	41.8	119.2	135.4	80.3	20.4	7.2	*	408.6
OTHER FEMALES									
Full-time workers	43.8	65.1	52.9	20.1	12.3	8.8	*	*	206.9
Part-time workers	26.1	12.1	8.9	5.0	5.9	*	*	*	61.7
Total	69.9	77.2	61.8	25.1	18.2	10.4	— 6.1 —	—	268.6
ALL FEMALES									
Full-time workers	45.2	97.1	120.2	85.4	56.2	19.0	5.9	*	430.8
Part-time workers	26.5	21.9	60.8	75.1	42.2	11.8	4.9	*	246.4
Total	71.8	119.0	181.0	160.5	98.5	30.8	10.7	4.9	677.3
MARRIED PERSONS									
Full-time workers	*	59.3	274.1	279.1	195.5	71.5	29.0	10.1	921.1
Part-time workers	*	10.8	54.5	74.9	40.9	13.9	9.0	6.2	210.5
Total	*	70.1	328.6	354.0	236.3	85.3	38.0	16.3	1,131.6
OTHER PERSONS									
Full-time workers	100.6	169.8	134.7	55.6	31.9	16.2	7.2	*	520.2
Part-time	49.0	20.0	12.0	7.1	6.3	*	— 5.7 —	—	102.6
Total	149.6	189.8	146.8	62.8	38.2	18.7	9.1	7.8	622.8
ALL PERSONS									
Full-time workers	103.1	229.0	408.8	334.8	227.4	87.7	36.3	14.2	1,441.3
Part-time workers	49.4	30.8	66.5	82.0	47.2	16.3	10.9	9.9	313.1
Total	152.5	259.9	475.4	416.8	274.6	104.1	47.1	24.1	1,754.4

TABLE 7. EMPLOYED PERSONS BY HOURS WORKED (a) - VICTORIA, OCTOBER 1984

Weekly hours worked	Number employed ('000)					Percentage distribution				
	Married		Other		All Persons	Married		Other		All Persons
	Males	females	females	females		Males	females	females	females	
0 (b)	51.5	25.5	9.2	34.7	86.1	4.8	6.2	3.4	5.1	4.9
1-15	40.4	82.7	38.2	120.8	161.2	3.8	20.2	14.2	17.8	9.2
16-29	48.6	79.9	22.6	102.5	151.1	4.5	19.6	8.4	15.1	8.6
30-34	76.5	34.4	19.8	54.2	130.7	7.1	8.4	7.4	8.0	7.5
35-39	213.4	75.6	69.8	145.4	358.7	19.8	18.5	26.0	21.5	20.4
40	259.2	58.9	71.2	130.1	389.3	24.1	14.4	26.5	19.2	22.2
41-44	75.8	11.4	10.2	21.6	97.3	7.0	2.8	3.8	3.2	5.5
45-48	102.7	16.3	12.6	28.9	131.7	9.5	4.0	4.7	4.3	7.5
49-59	109.8	11.4	9.6	21.0	130.7	10.2	2.8	3.5	3.1	7.5
60 and over	99.3	12.6	5.6	18.2	117.5	9.2	3.1	2.1	2.7	6.7
Total	1,077.1	408.6	268.6	677.3	1,754.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED (c)

Full-time workers	41.4	37.9	38.3	38.1	40.4	..	..	..	..	..
Part-time workers	15.5	16.0	12.8	15.2	15.2	..	..	..	..	..
All employed persons	39.8	28.0	32.4	29.7	35.9	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Actual hours worked during survey week, not hours paid for. The figures may be affected by public holidays, leave and absenteeism; temporary absence from work due to sickness, accidents and industrial disputes; and work stoppages caused by bad weather, plant breakdown, etc. (b) Persons who had a job from which they were absent for the whole of the survey week. Excludes persons laid off without pay for the whole of the survey week; these persons are classified as unemployed. (c) The relative standard errors of these estimates are obtained by first finding the relative standard error of the estimate of the total number of persons contributing to the estimate (see Table A on page 17), and then multiplying the figure so obtained by a factor of 0.5. For further information, see 'Technical note' in The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

TABLE 8. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE AND WHETHER
LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, OCTOBER 1984

Age group (years)	Number ('000)			Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION						
15-19 -	10.4	9.3	19.7	15.9	15.5	15.7
15-17	5.5	6.1	11.6	28.6	23.1	25.5
18-19	4.9	*	8.0	12.5	*	17.2
Attending school	*	*	6.7	*	*	24.4
Not attending school -	7.3	5.8	13.1	13.5	13.0	13.3
Left before 1983	*	*	6.2	*	*	11.6
Left from 1983 to survey date	*	*	6.9	*	*	15.3
20 and over -	38.3	21.8	60.1	4.4	4.5	4.9
20-24	11.0	6.9	17.9	9.7	7.1	8.5
25-34	12.7	4.6	17.3	5.6	3.2	4.7
35-44	4.7	5.6	10.3	2.4	4.3	3.2
45-54	4.5	*	8.7	3.4	*	4.2
55 and over	5.4	*	5.9	5.8	*	4.6
Looking for - Full-time work	43.9	20.2	64.2	5.7	5.7	5.7
Part-time work	4.8	10.9	15.6	8.7	5.9	6.5
Total	48.7	31.1	79.8	5.9	5.7	5.9
REST OF VICTORIA						
15-19 -	6.8	5.6	12.4	21.0	21.1	21.0
15-17	4.8	*	8.0	28.8	*	26.8
18-19	*	*	*	*	*	*
20 and over -	17.0	12.3	29.3	5.8	7.8	6.5
20-24	5.0	*	9.0	11.4	*	12.0
25-34	4.8	*	8.5	5.5	*	6.4
35 and over	7.3	4.5	11.8	4.4	5.6	4.8
Looking for - Full-time work	20.6	13.2	33.8	6.7	12.4	8.2
Part-time work	*	4.7	7.8	*	6.1	8.1
Total	23.8	17.9	41.7	7.3	9.7	8.1
TOTAL VICTORIA						
15-19 -	17.2	15.0	32.1	17.6	17.2	17.4
15-17	10.3	9.4	19.7	23.9	24.3	24.1
18-19	6.9	5.6	12.4	12.6	11.5	12.1
Looking for first job	10.9	9.6	20.4	..	..	..
Not looking for first job	6.3	5.3	11.7	..	..	..
Attending school	6.6	5.6	12.3	30.7	24.0	27.2
Not attending school -	10.5	9.4	19.9	13.8	14.7	14.2
Left before 1983	5.9	*	9.8	13.2	*	12.8
Left from 1983 to survey date	4.6	5.5	10.1	14.5	17.4	16.0
20 and over -	55.3	34.1	89.4	5.3	5.3	5.3
20-24	15.9	11.0	26.9	10.2	8.5	9.4
25-34	17.4	8.3	25.7	5.6	4.4	5.1
35-44	7.8	7.9	15.7	2.9	4.7	3.6
45-54	6.5	6.1	12.6	3.6	5.8	4.4
55 and over	7.7	*	8.4	5.6	*	4.6
Looking for - Full-time work	64.5	33.4	98.0	6.0	7.2	6.4
Part-time work	7.9	15.6	23.5	10.6	5.9	7.0
Total	72.5	49.0	121.5	6.3	6.8	6.5

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

TABLE 9. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT (a) - VICTORIA, OCTOBER 1984

Duration of unemployment (weeks)	Number ('000)			Percentage distribution		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Under 2	*	*	7.2	*	*	5.9
2 and under 4	4.9	4.9	9.7	6.8	10.0	8.0
4 and under 8	7.8	6.2	14.0	10.8	12.7	11.5
8 and under 13	7.3	5.8	13.1	10.1	11.8	10.8
13 and under 26	9.9	6.7	16.6	13.7	13.7	13.7
26 and under 52	14.0	9.8	23.8	19.3	20.0	19.6
52 and over	24.4	12.7	37.1	33.7	25.9	30.5
Total	72.5	49.0	121.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average (mean) duration (b)	47.5	37.8	43.6	..	..	..
Median duration (b)	29.3	21.3	26.1	..	..	..

(a) Period from the time a person began looking for work, or was laid off to the end of the survey week. Periods of unemployment are recorded in complete weeks resulting in a slight understatement of duration of unemployment. (b) The relative standard errors of these estimates are obtained by first finding the relative standard error of the estimate of the total number of persons contributing to the estimate (see Table A on page 17), and then multiplying the figure so obtained by the following relevant factors: average duration of unemployment: 1.5; median duration of unemployment: 2.0. For further information, see 'Technical note' in The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

TABLE 10. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY BIRTHPLACE - VICTORIA, OCTOBER 1984

Particulars	Number ('000)			Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
BORN IN AUSTRALIA						
Looking for - Full-time work	42.3	24.3	66.6	5.6	7.5	6.2
Part-time work	6.7	10.5	17.1	11.3	5.2	6.5
Marital status - Married	16.6	10.9	27.5	3.4	3.9	3.5
Not married	32.3	23.9	56.3	10.2	9.7	9.9
Total born in Australia	48.9	34.8	73.7	5.6	6.6	6.2
BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA						
Looking for - Full-time work	22.3	9.1	31.4	6.9	6.6	6.8
Part-time work	*	5.1	6.3	*	8.7	8.6
Marital status - Married	12.1	8.7	20.8	4.7	5.9	5.1
Not married	11.4	5.5	16.9	14.4	11.0	13.1
Period of arrival in Australia -						
before 1966	8.5	4.5	13.1	4.8	4.9	4.8
1966 to 1970	*	*	7.1	*	*	7.0
1971 to 1975	*	*	6.4	*	*	9.0
1976 to survey date	7.7	*	11.2	13.7	*	12.3
Place of birth -						
Main English-speaking countries (b)	6.5	4.5	11.0	5.5	6.2	5.8
Other than main English-speaking countries	17.0	9.7	26.8	7.8	7.8	7.8
Total born outside Australia	23.6	14.2	37.7	7.0	7.2	7.1

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (b) Comprises United Kingdom and Ireland, Canada, United States of America, South Africa, and New Zealand.

TABLE 11. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, OCTOBER 1984

Characteristics	Males				Females				Persons	
				Proportion of male population				Proportion of female population	Proportion of population	
	Married	Other	Total	(a)	Married	Other	Total	(a)	Total	(a)
	('000)	('000)	('000)	(per cent)	('000)	('000)	('000)	(per cent)	('000)	(per cent)
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Age (years) -										
15 - 64 -	62.3	101.0	163.3	16.8	293.1	142.3	435.3	44.7	598.6	30.7
15 - 19	*	59.2	59.2	47.4	*	58.9	61.0	50.4	120.2	48.9
20 - 24	*	15.8	16.2	12.5	13.5	18.0	31.5	24.3	47.7	18.4
25 - 34	4.7	6.0	10.6	4.5	82.9	15.3	98.2	40.6	108.8	22.8
35 - 44	6.5	*	9.8	4.8	60.2	10.2	70.4	35.2	80.2	19.9
45 - 54	12.9	*	17.1	11.5	58.0	9.1	67.1	46.5	84.2	28.7
55 - 59	13.5	*	17.0	23.5	37.2	12.2	49.4	69.3	66.5	46.2
60 - 64	24.4	9.0	33.3	54.6	39.2	18.5	57.7	87.3	91.0	71.6
65 - 69	31.4	6.3	37.7	87.3	29.4	20.9	50.3	95.4	88.0	91.8
70 and over	47.9	19.9	67.8	92.9	38.0	81.7	119.6	98.9	187.4	96.6
Total	141.5	127.2	268.8	24.6	360.5	244.8	605.3	52.7	874.0	39.1
Permanently unable to work (b)	na	na	*	..	na	na	*	..	5.8	..
In institutions	na	na	10.7	..	na	na	20.3	..	31.0	..
Aged 15-20 years attending school	na	na	51.2	..	na	na	48.3	..	99.5	..
REST OF VICTORIA										
Age (years) -										
15 - 64 -	26.1	33.7	59.8	15.8	136.4	51.2	187.6	50.7	247.4	33.0
15 - 19	*	19.9	19.9	38.0	*	21.9	23.1	46.4	42.9	42.1
20 - 24	*	*	*	*	9.2	*	13.1	29.0	16.4	17.8
25 - 34	*	*	*	*	38.2	*	42.3	48.0	46.2	25.9
35 - 44	*	*	*	*	29.4	5.0	34.4	46.9	38.2	25.6
45 - 54	*	*	6.5	11.3	25.0	*	28.3	50.8	34.7	30.7
55 - 59	5.2	*	7.3	24.9	16.3	*	19.8	67.7	27.0	46.6
60 - 64	13.4	*	15.2	56.3	17.2	9.5	26.7	91.8	41.9	74.7
65 - 69	13.6	*	17.3	83.1	15.7	6.5	22.2	96.2	39.5	90.0
70 and over	23.3	8.5	31.8	85.3	14.4	36.0	50.4	99.0	82.2	93.2
Total	63.0	45.8	108.8	24.9	166.5	93.7	260.2	58.6	369.0	41.9
Permanently unable to work (b)	na	na	*	..	na	na	*	..	*	..
In institutions	na	na	*	..	na	na	4.5	..	8.8	..
Aged 15-20 years attending school	na	na	16.7	..	na	na	19.0	..	35.6	..

TABLE 11. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, OCTOBER 1984 - continued

Characteristics	Males				Females				Persons	
				Proportion of male population				Proportion of female population	Proportion of population	
	Married ('000)	Other ('000)	Total ('000)	(a) (per cent)	Married ('000)	Other ('000)	Total ('000)	(a) (per cent)	Total ('000)	(a) (per cent)
TOTAL VICTORIA										
Age (years) -										
15 - 64-	88.4	134.7	223.1	16.5	429.5	193.5	622.9	46.3	846.0	31.4
15 - 19	*	79.1	79.1	44.7	*	80.8	84.1	49.2	163.2	46.9
20 - 24	*	18.9	19.5	11.1	22.6	21.9	44.6	25.5	64.1	18.3
25 - 34	6.0	8.6	14.6	4.5	121.1	19.4	140.5	42.6	155.1	23.6
35 - 44	8.9	4.6	13.5	4.9	89.6	15.3	104.8	38.4	118.3	21.5
45 - 54	16.3	7.3	23.6	11.5	83.1	12.3	95.4	47.7	119.0	29.3
55 - 59	18.7	5.6	24.3	23.9	53.5	15.7	69.2	68.9	93.5	46.3
60 - 64	37.8	10.7	48.5	55.1	56.4	28.0	84.4	88.7	132.9	72.6
65 - 69	45.0	10.0	55.0	86.0	45.2	27.3	72.5	95.6	127.5	91.2
70 and over	71.2	28.3	99.5	90.6	52.4	117.6	170.0	98.9	269.6	95.6
Total	204.5	173.1	377.6	24.7	527.0	338.5	865.5	54.4	1,243.0	39.9
Permanently unable to work (a)	na	na	4.9	..	na	na	*	..	8.4	..
In Institutions	na	na	15.0	..	na	na	24.8	..	39.8	..
Aged 15-20 years attending school	na	na	67.9	..	na	na	67.3	..	135.2	..

(a) Persons not in the labour force as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group.

(b) Non-Institutionalised persons only.

TABLE A. STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES - VICTORIA
('000)

Size of estimate	4.5	5.0	6.0	10.0	20.0	50.0	100.0	200.0	300.0	500.0	1,000.0	2,000.0
Standard error	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.9	2.7	3.5	4.4	5.0	5.8	7.0	8.4

TABLE B. STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES OF MONTH-TO-MONTH MOVEMENTS - VICTORIA
('000)

Size of larger estimate	4.5	5.0	6.0	10.0	20.0	50.0	100.0	200.0	300.0	500.0	1,000.0	2,000.0
Standard error	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.7	2.3	2.8	3.3	3.7	4.2	4.9	5.6